

STATE OF MAINE

APPROVED CHAPTER

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BY GOVERNOR PUBLIC LAW

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND AND SIX

H.P. 1392 - L.D. 1987

An Act To Increase Consumer Awareness of Prescription Drug Pricing

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13797 is enacted to read:

§13797. Prescription drug price information

A pharmacist or person acting at the direction of a pharmacist who is asked for consumer price information regarding prescription drugs shall provide to the consumer, on the telephone or in person, depending on the circumstances, the current usual and customary price for cash customers and, if reasonably obtainable by the pharmacist or person acting at the direction of the pharmacist, the price applicable to the consumer. A pharmacy shall post a notice to consumers informing them that they may obtain current usual and customary price information from the pharmacist.

Sec. 2. Basic prescription drug information. By January 1, 2007, the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance and the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Elder Services shall convene a working group to discuss consumer access to prescription drug information and shall post on a publicly accessible website basic prescription drug information, including, but not limited to, locations and phone numbers of pharmacies in the State and information for consumers on obtaining current usual and customary price information.